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Letters to the Editor

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Cockburn's "kitchen recipe for fomenting a Red Scare from that day to this" is in clear disregard of the documentable facts relating to the "Zinoviev letter" and only parades his dismissive attitude toward truth.

The Zinoviev letter was not "concocted by the British Foreign Office" nor is there any evidence of "unscrupulous intelligence analysts at the Foreign Office" colluding with a "complicit press led by the Daily Mail." At the time, the Soviets were more concerned with the "disintegration" of the European Labor/Socialist elements than with their more obvious enemies on the right.

Who, aside from Baldwin, benefited from the "Z" letter? Analysis of the aftermath supports strongly the argument that the chief beneficiary was Stalin. The incident embarrassed Trotsky, (inventor of the Comintern) and contributed to the evidence that Stalin was later to use in disposing of his other enemy, Zinoviev.

In four years of researching "The New KGB: Engine of Soviet Power" (Morrow, June 1985) we found no facts to sustain Cockburn's view. We do, however, concede the correctness of his assertion that "little lies, endlessly repeated, become big lies."

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